

March 2-4, 2013

Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The MiLW Blog: MSC to stream oral arguments live

"Beginning this week, the Michigan Supreme Court is providing live streaming of oral arguments via the Internet. 'Live from the Hall of Justice!' says Marcia McBrien, the MSC's Public Information Officer."

Full story

Also see:

Live from the Hall of Justice! Supreme Court starts live streaming hearings

Press release

The Macomb Daily: David Viviano talks about his appointment to Michigan Supreme Court

"David Viviano was named as one of seven Michigan Supreme Court justices on Wednesday by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder. Viviano, 41, of Sterling Heights, must have the appointment affirmed by voters in the 2014 election, and will have to run for an eight-year term in 2016."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Also see:

The Macomb Daily: David Viviano's father to temporarily fill son's seat

Full story

Ingham County Legal News: Chief Justice Young: Justice David Viviano is "exceptional" choice

Full story

Jackson County Legal News: Judge Viviano appointed to High Court

Full story

Legal Newsline: State court judge to fill spot on Mich. SC left by Hathaway

Full story

MLive.com: Tim Skubick: David Viviano promises to be an interesting choice for Supreme Court

Full story

The News-Herald/Southgate: POLI-TICKER: Snyder appoints Viviano to Supreme Court

Full story

SBM Blog: Justice Viviano: "Lawyers are public servants even though they're not elected."

Full story

SBM Blog: How Long Since A Supreme Court Justice Came From Macomb County?

Full story

Chief Justice Young: New Justice Viviano is "exceptional" choice for Court

Press release

Detroit Free Press: Learning outside the Rink

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra hosts the Novi Bobcats Squirt Hockey Team for a mock argument in the state Hall of Justice on Saturday. The team, coached by Mark Hicks, finished in first

place in the Little Caesars Hockey League and participates in several community activities, including lessons on how the judicial system works."

Note: No link is available.

The Detroit News: Veterinarian loses appeal in dog's death (second article)

"An Upper Peninsula veterinarian lost her appeal over discipline by state regulators in the care of a dog.... The Michigan Appeals Court upheld the sanctions, saying there was support for a disciplinary panel's findings of fact."

Full story

Also see:

Associated Press: Court affirms fine, probation for UP veterinarian

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Groundbreaking held for court (second article)

"A groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday for a new district court building. Construction on the \$3.1-million 40th District Court at the northwest corner of Jefferson and 11 Mile is to begin immediately following the demolition of the existing building, officials said."

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Book excerpts: Judge Damon Keith rules with lasting impact

"This is the second of two excerpts from 'Crusader for Justice: Federal Judge Damon J. Keith,' an authorized biography by Trevor Coleman that will be published later this year by the Wayne State University Press. This week's excerpt recounts some of the most significant cases from Keith's tenure on the federal judiciary."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: In a reflective mood; Civil rights leader takes a look back — and ahead

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Ingham County Legal News.

Daily Press & Argus: Visitation denied for father

"A former Handy Township man accused of threatening to cut off his children's fingers will not get supervised visitation with his children, [Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael Hatty] ruled Friday."

Full story

Daily Press & Argus: Business Calendar: Group welcomes Livingston County Circuit Court judge Tuesday

"The Fowlerville Business Association will host Livingston County Circuit Judge Michael P. Hatty at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Woodshire Place banquet facility, 6520 W. Grand River Ave. in Handy Township."

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Court's double jeopardy ruling a blow to prosecutors

"The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week that a defendant cannot be retried, even when his acquittal was based on a judge's blunder, was cheered by defense attorneys.... The unusual case stemmed from a criminal trial judge in Detroit who mistakenly believed that the crime of arson had one more element than it actually does under a Michigan state statute."

Full story

Grand Rapids Press: Obituaries Today: Jurist Robert Danhof, adviser to Gov. Romney and Michigan political history buff

"Robert Danhof, a long-time West Michigan jurist who once served as U.S. attorney for the region, died Friday, March 1. He was 87.... [In 1969,] Danhof became a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. He would go on to be chief judge from 1976 to his retirement in 1992."

Full story

Also see:

The Holland Sentinel: Obituary: Judge (Ret.) Robert J. Danhof, 87

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Obituary: Judge Robert J. Danhof

Full story

Grand Rapids Press: Mom, allegedly held captive for 10 days by son, changes story to get him 'exonerated,' judge says

"... Grand Rapids District Judge Janine Laville said it appeared the mother attempted to defend her son in court, 'tried to get him exonerated,' the judge said. Suzanne Hoffman's statements appeared tailored to that motive, LaVille said after listening to testimony in a probable cause hearing on Friday, March 1."

Full story

Ingham County Legal News: 17th Annual Otis M. Smith Scholarship Banquet

"On Friday, March 29, 2013, the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association (DDBA) will hold its 17th Annual Otis M. Smith Scholarship Banquet at the Eagle Eye Golf Club.... As in the past, in addition to issuing scholarships to well-deserving law students, we will recognize four individuals from the greater Lansing community: Honorable R. George Economy, Distinguished Barrister."

Full story

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Medical marijuana and our 'asymmetric' power to decide what's legal in Michigan

"... Crackdowns on medical marijuana dispensaries began last week in Jackson County, as elsewhere, because a Michigan Supreme Court ruling declared dispensaries illegal. Curious to learn why they are illegal, I read the court ruling."

Full story

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Question of the Day (with poll): Should people be forced to perform jury duty if they don't want to?

"The next time you receive a summons for jury duty, you'd best head over to the courthouse. Or it could be you who goes before the judge."

Full story

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo Central mock trial team places first in regionals, qualifies for state tournament

"Kalamazoo Central High School's mock trial team placed first in regional competition Saturday and has qualified for the state tournament on March 23 in Lansing. K-Central placed first in all three rounds of competition. Forest Hills Northern was second and St. Joseph High School was third."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Appeals court throws out \$750K for teacher

The state appeals court has thrown out a \$750,000 verdict for a Detroit teacher who says she lost her job after criticizing the school district's handling of a sexual assault. The court has ordered a new trial but narrowed the alleged violations of law."

Full story

Midland Daily News: Midland County Friend of the Court move begins on April 18

"The Midland County Friend of the Court Office is moving out of the Midland County Courthouse and into the Midland County Services Building (MCSB) effective April 18. During this move there will be a disruption of services as computers, files, furniture and people are moved from one building to another. Normal office operations should resume on or about April 24."

Full story

The MiLW Blog: No-fault data from MCCA to remain public, rules Ingham judge

"The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association's motion to stay the enforceability of a ruling that the MCCA is subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act was denied. As we reported in January, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Clinton Canady III said that the MCCA must open up records related to its financial standing, and explain how it comes up with its \$175 annual fee per auto."

[*Full story*](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Decision on Amy Black's no-parole sentence will have to wait, Muskegon County judge rules

"Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge Timothy G. Hicks has ruled that 'juvenile lifer' Amy Lee Black's motion for relief from her sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole sentence can wait for a Michigan Supreme Court decision on a related matter."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Courthouse maintained by 80-year-old caretaker

"In 1991 Gaylord Edgerly was visiting the historic 1885 Eaton County Courthouse when he noticed a few things "that needed tending to."

Full story

The Oakland Press: Shelby Township woman's conviction upheld in 8-year-old child's death

"The state Court of Appeals has upheld the murder conviction of a former Shelby Township woman who killed her boyfriend's young son. Melissa Memmer, now 33, barring a Supreme Court reversal, will spend the rest of her life in prison for the 2009 death of 8-year-old Tyler Korte."

Full story

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Sanilac needs a judge to fill 3 jobs

"Sanilac County has come up with a creative way to provide judicial services. The county is going to be hiring one person to do three different jobs in an effort to lighten the workload since losing on judge more than a year ago."

Full story

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Washtenaw County Legal News: District Courts offering limited amnesty program

"Two of Washtenaw County's District Courts are offering an amnesty program for certain types of tickets from March 1 through April 30. During this period, the 14A and 14B District Courts will waive all penalties and late fees for outstanding traffic civil infractions and parking violations."

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Attorney weighs in after 5 y.o. removed from home to live with mom, known child abuser

"Lots of viewers responded to the heart-wrenching investigation we brought you about a little girl who a judge removed from her grandparents without warning. One of the people we heard from is the lawyer for the little girls mom. We'd asked the attorney for insight while the investigation was underway, but he wasn't available, until now."

[Full story](#)